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OFFICE OF MANAGING DIRECTOR

> Barry Wagenvoord, President Radio Hawaii, Inc. 100 North Beretania Street #401 Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

> > Re: Request for Waiver of FY 2000 Regulatory Fee Fee Control No. 00000RROG-02-057 Bill for Collection No. 20009MB0132 Balance Due \$ 2,500.00

Dear Mr. Wagenvoord:

This letter responds to your request for relief regarding the regulatory fee for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 filed with respect to AM station KWAI, Honolulu, Hawaii.

You recite that you received a Bill For Collection from the Commission dated May 17, 2002 in the total amount of \$2,750.00, which includes a 25% penalty for late payment of the FY 2000 regulatory fee. You state that Radio Hawaii, Inc is experiencing financial hardship and enclose payment of \$250 to apply to the regulatory fee. In support of your claim of hardship, you submit your financial statements showing losses for 2000 and 2001.

In establishing a regulatory fee program, the Commission recognized that in certain instances payment of a regulatory fee may impose an undue financial hardship upon a licensee. The Commission therefore decided to grant waivers or reductions of its regulatory fees in those instances where a "petitioner presents a compelling case of financial hardship." See Implementation of Section 9 of the Communications Act, 9 FCC Rcd 5333,5346 (1994), recon. granted, 10FCC Rcd 12759 (1995).

In determining whether a licensee has sufficient revenues to pay its regulatory fees, the Commission relies upon a licensee's cash flow, as opposed to the entity's profits. Thus, although deductions for amortization and depreciation, which do not affect cash flow, and payments to principals, reduce gross income for tax purposes, those deductions also represent money which is considered to be available to pay the regulatory fee.

Our review of your financial documentation does not support your waiver request. Although your statement of revenues and expenses for the year ended December 31,2000 shows a net loss of over \$28,000, your expenses include salaries to corporate officers of over \$54,000, amortization of over \$41,000, and depreciation of almost \$3,000. As stated, these deductions represent money from which the regulatory fee could be paid. Therefore, we cannot conclude that you have presented a compelling case of financial hardship.

Accordingly, the unpaid balance of the FY 2000 regulatory fee, together with the late payment fee, is now due. Please enclose a copy of Bill for Collection No. 20009MB0132 (enclosed) when sending your payment to Mellon Bank.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact the Revenue and Receivable Operations Group at (202) 418-1995.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Reger

Chief Financial Officer

Enclosure

## 00000 RROG-02-057

Radio Hawaii, Inc. 100 North Beretania **Street #401** Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Federal Communications Commission Attn: Revenue and Receivable Operations Group 445 **12th Street, S.W.,** Room 1A820 Washington, DC 20554

Am: Claudette E. Pride Re: 2000-9MB---0132 VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Dear Ms. Pride,

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June 13,2002

We wish to claim financial hardship. **Enclosed** please find \$250.00 **to** apply to **our** regulatory **fee**. I have enclosed **our** accountants report **showing a** \$44,360.57 loss for 2001 and **a** \$28,045.24 loss for 2000. My brother and vice president **of** Radio Hawaii, **Sam** Wagenvoord operates a **small** travel **agency** to help cover **expenses** and those figures **are** included. Since the deregulation of 1996, and the giant broadcasting companies coming into **our** market about five years ago, it has become increasingly difficult for independent community oriented broadcasters like **ours** to compete.

In this market, they seem to be operating their AM facilities as an afterthought, focusing mostly on generating as much revenue as possible with their FM stations. Therefore there seems to be no limit to how low they will discount their rates for advertising on their AM stations.

We locally produce health programs, programs catering to the Filipino, Samoan, Tongan, Hawaiian, and Hispanic communities as well as local talk programs catering to military personnel, veterans and government workers. We are doing the type of programs that the giant broadcasting companies promised to do to serve the community when the NAB lobbied congress to eliminate the ownership caps. Instead they have come into this market, fired most of their air and programming staffs, automated their stations with national programming and hired aggressive sales people geared mostly on using the public airwaves to generate as much revenue as possible to send back to their corporate office.

Also since September 11, as with the rest of the *country* Hawaii's business climate suffered greatly, although it seems to be slowly coming back around.

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We will continue to serve our community of license as best we can in this difficult environment and anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated.

Cordially,

Barry Wagenybord

Radio Hawaii, Inc. Enclosures (4)

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